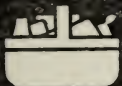


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Reserve WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY

1. FIBER CONTENT: Is Stocking cotton, rayon, or what?
2. WEIGHT: Is it suited for hard, moderate, or light wear?
3. TEXTURE: Are yarns tightly twisted & fabric closely knit to make hose resistant to snagging?
4. CONSTRUCTION: Are hose full-fashioned or tubular knit?
5. REINFORCEMENTS: Are foot & welt durably but not too heavily reinforced for the stocking? A run stop at welt?
6. SIZE: Is hose size at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1 inch for cotton) more than length of your foot? Proper length in leg?
(Cotton may shrink, rayon stretch.) (Over)

7. SPECIAL FIT: Would outsizes, narrow heels, etc., give better fit than regular sizes?
8. QUALITY: Are hose first quality, seconds, or irregulars?

DICTIONARY OF HOSIERY TERMS

SECONDS: Hose with imperfections in weave, dyeing, or length; will wear as well as first quality but not look as good.

IRREGULARS: Hose with imperfections such as snags & darns which may affect wear.

COURSES: Horizontal ridges of loops on wrong side of hose.

DENIER: A measure of weight of yarn; 1 "thread" equals 14 deniers; high denier count plus high gauge is good hose.

GAUGE: Measure of fineness of knitting; number of needles per $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches on needle bar of knitting machine. CT-94